

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 17-20 have been canceled.

Claims 2, 8, 10, 12-16 and 21 have been amended.

Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 21 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that Claims 5-8, 12-15 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 12 and 21 have been amended into independent form, and are now allowable. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 5 and are also now allowable. Claims 10-11 and 13-16 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 12 and are also now allowable.

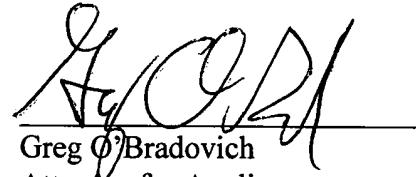
Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-4, 9-11 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cole (US Patent No. 4,051,330). Applicant submits that the rejection is now moot because Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 9 and 17-20. Remaining Claims 2-3, 8-11 and 16 have been re-written in accordance with the subject matter identified as allowable in the Office Action and are now allowable.

If Examiner has any questions regarding this document, Applicant asks that Examiner contact the undersigned immediately by telephone.

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